

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	Special Law Enforcement Assistance Fund
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 2:00 PM
PLACE:	Dover Police Department – Assembly Room 400 S Queen St. – Dover, DE 19904

SLEAF Committee Members Present:

- (1) Albert J. (“AJ”) Roop, State Prosecutor, Delaware Department of Justice
- (2) Major Robert Hudson, Delaware State Police
- (3) Capt. John Treadwell, New Castle County Police Department
- (4) Capt. Deshaun Counts, Wilmington Police Department
- (5) Capt. David Spicer, Dover City Police Department
- (6) Chief Kenneth Brown, Sussex County
- (7) Jeffrey Horvath, Kent County

Administrative Staff Present:

Alvina Boulware, Delaware Department of Justice
Kimberly Moro, Delaware Department of Justice

Call to Order

State Prosecutor AJ Roop called the meeting to order at 2:06 PM.

Opening Remarks

None

Review and Approval of Minutes

Capt. Treadwell noted clerical errors in the minutes which were noted by staff. Following confirmation of the accuracy of the previous meeting’s minutes, Mr. Horvath moved to approve the March 12, 2019 meeting minutes and Capt. Treadwell seconded the motion. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the SLEAF Committee unanimously approved the minutes.

Current Status of SLEAF Funding

Mr. Roop notes the SLEAF funding requests once again significantly exceed the funds available. Mr. Roop noting SLEAF, among other obligations, is required by statute to meet quarterly, suggests changing the statutory language to require a minimum of two (2) yearly meetings, more if necessary, should the funding be available, while still maintaining the public forum status of these meeting (public notice, posted agendas) Major Hudson agrees but concerned if this would hinder the amount of time agencies had to spend the funds allocated based on fiscal year requirements. Mr. Roop confirmed if altering the

Statute is possible, the Committee would meet to discuss those specifics and determine the most conducive meeting dates.

Mr. Horvath and Major Hudson note that reoccurring application items imperative to the operation of SLEAF and law enforcement as a whole, must be presented first at the meetings. Items such as the Department of Justice's request for funding to support the public notification of seized property requirement, and the Delaware State Police's need for ION SCAN maintenance funding must be considered first.

The Committee agrees that upcoming goals are to reduce the quarterly meeting requirement and create an agreed upon prioritization of certain mandatory funding requests.

Consideration of SLEAF Applications

Mr. Roop confirms no updates regarding Body Worn Camera (BWC) efforts for statewide contracts since the last SLEAF Meeting. Details are still being discussed between GSS and DTI and no decisions have been made. Major Hudson renews motion for SLEAF Committee to continue to wait on addressing BWC camera applications until such time as a statewide contract decision is made and Mr. Horvath seconded. The SLEAF Committee approved the decision to wait. Chief Brown opposed.

As noted in the Guidelines (3.3), the Committee does not consider applications if the agency is not present. The following agencies were not present at the time attendance was taken; thus, their pending applications were tabled.

1. Agency: Ocean View PD / Application #18-029

The application seeks \$5,225.00 to upgrade four (4) vehicles with wireless transfer equipment to facilitate the down load of patrol vehicle video. Mr. Horvath moved to table the application until the next meeting. Capt. Treadwell seconded. Application tabled.

2. Agency: Delaware City PD / Application #18-044

The application seeks \$22,945.00 to install a camera system to monitor city parks. Mr. Horvath moved to table the application until the next meeting. Capt. Treadwell seconded. Application tabled.

3. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application #18-074

The application seeks \$1,055.74 to fund body armor for an officer. Mr. Horvath moved to table the application until the next meeting. Capt. Treadwell seconded. Application tabled.

4. Agency: Laurel PD / Application#: 19-004

The application seeks \$5,557.00 to purchase 20 updated fingerprint kits; 20 upgraded picatinny Quad rifle rails and 20 Streamlight. Mr. Horvath moved to table. Capt. Treadwell seconded. Application tabled.

5. Agency: Seaford PD / Application#: 19-005

The application seeks \$6,658.29 to purchase a Motorola radio and funding for one officer to attend SMILE training. Mr. Horvath moved to table. Capt. Treadwell seconded. Application tabled.

6. Agency: Blades PD / Application#: 19-009

The application seeks \$2,000.00 (reduced at the meeting from the original \$3,146.46) to upgrade car camera system to allow for auto download of data. Mr. Horvath moved to table. Capt. Treadwell seconded. Application tabled.

7. Agency: Newark PD / Application#: 19-021

The application seeks \$7,800.00 to purchase Field Training Documentation Software (LEFTA). Mr. Horvath moved to table. Capt. Treadwell seconded. Application tabled.

8. Agency: Harrington PD / Application #19-025

The application seeks \$8,000.00 to purchase 2 APX6500 mobile radios w microphone and in-dash cameras mounts to replace outdated models currently in use. Mr. Horvath moved to table the application. Capt. Treadwell seconded. Application tabled.

9. Agency: Ellendale PD / Application#: 19-026

The application seeks \$4,801.32 for the purchase of upgrading current radio to APX Motorola Portable radio w accessories and battery charger. Current model being phased out. Mr. Horvath moved to table. Capt. Treadwell seconded. Application tabled.

10. Agency: Middletown PD / Application #19-027

The application seeks \$1,792.00 to fund one officer to attend the SMILE conference on social media for the masses. Mr. Horvath moved to table. Capt. Treadwell seconded. Application tabled.

Mr. Roop advised the Committee that funds requested exceed funds available and asked present agency representatives if any wished to withdraw, reduce, or table pending applications. The following applications were withdrawn, reduced or tabled at the request of the agency:

11. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application#: 19-003

The application seeks \$17,000.00 for “Justification Force Science Certification and Advance Specialist” training for Homicide Unit Detectives related to departmental shooting investigations. Major Hudson requested to table this application until the next meeting. Application tabled.

12. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application#: 19-012

The application seeks \$2,795.00 to upgrade and replace outdated camera currently assigned to the PIO. Officer is using personal camera at this time. Capt. Treadwell requested to withdraw this application until the next meeting. Application withdrawn.

13. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application#: 19-015

The application seeks \$2,000.00 for the purchase of an upgraded Shock-Knife training weapon for realistic control tactics training. Capt. Treadwell requested to withdraw this application until the next meeting. Application withdrawn.

14. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application#: 19-017

The application seeks \$42,193.00 for expanded licensing and usage of PenLink to download cell phone content and for 3 computers to store the data. Capt. Treadwell requested to withdraw this application until the next meeting. Application withdrawn.

Mr. Roop begins the presentation of the remaining applications:

15. Agency: Milford PD / Application#: 18-045 (B)

The application seeks \$12,799.90 for the purchase of a K9, home kennel, cage and mat and deployment system. Motion to approve by Major Hudson, seconded by Capt. Treadwell. The application was unanimously approved. Chief Brown abstained.

16. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application#: 18-053

The application initially sought \$135,000.00 for the purchase of a portable inflatable wall system for yearly SWAT, SORT, ALERRT and COPT training. Having obtained alternate sources of funding, Major Hudson previously amended the request to \$60,000.00. Motion to approve by Chief Brown, seconded by Capt. Treadwell. The application was unanimously approved. Major Hudson abstained.

17. Agency: Wilmington PD / Application#: 18-079

The application seeks \$10,000.00 in funding for investigative DNA testing in Firearm related cases (GSR testing). Motion to approve by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Capt. Spicer. The application was unanimously approved. Capt. Counts abstained.

18. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application#: 19-006(B)

The Committee previously awarded \$20,000.00 for this application for equipment for the EOD Unit (safe tools, disruptor rounds, breaching tools, etc.). This bomb squad's services are statewide and between available to other agencies. The application seeks the remaining \$19,500.00 at this time. Motion to approve by Capt. Treadwell, seconded by Mr. Horvath. The application was unanimously approved. Major Hudson abstained.

19. Agency: Dover PD / Application#: 19-007

The application seeks \$55,224.08 to fund a contractor to convert microfiche records to digital format as well as to purchase a sufficient computer to handle the required scanning software. (Software purchased under alternative grant funding). Motion to approve by Major Hudson, seconded by Capt. Treadwell. The application was unanimously approved. Capt. Spicer abstained.

20. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application#: 19-014

The application seeks \$6,742.00 to replace EDU cameras. Current camera downloaded content is not compatible with Evidence.com. Motion to approve by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Capt. Counts. The application was unanimously approved. Capt. Treadwell abstained.

21. Agency: New Castle County PD / Application #19-018

The application seeks \$4,470.00 to purchase 5 riding helmets w earpieces and microphone for riders to communicate with dispatch. Motion to approve by Mr. Horvath, seconded by Major Hudson. The application was unanimously approved. Capt. Treadwell abstained.

22. Agency: Delaware State Police / Application#: 19-023

The application seeks \$70,472.00 to upgrade SORT team Sniper Observer kits. Current kits are extremely outdated. Motion to approve by Capt. Treadwell, seconded by Capt. Spicer. The application was unanimously approved. Major Hudson abstained.

23. Agency: Delaware Department of Justice / Application#: 19-028

The application seeks \$21,000.00 for prosecutor to attend the Career Prosecutors Conference and the National Domestic Violence Conference. Motion to approve by Chief Brown, seconded by Capt. Treadwell. The application was unanimously approved. Major Hudson abstained.

Public Comment

None.

Next Scheduled Meeting

September 12, 2019

Adjournment

With no further business before the SLEAF Committee, Capt. Treadwell moved to adjourn the meeting, Capt. Spicer seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 2:34 PM.